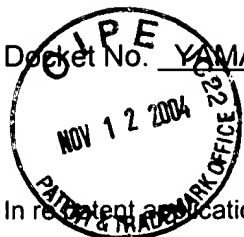


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Filed: July 25, 2001
For: DATA CONTROL METHOD, METHOD FOR EMBEDDING DATA CONTROL INFORMATION, METHOD FOR DETECTING DATA CONTROL INFORMATION, DEVICE FOR EMBEDDING DATA CONTROL INFORMATION, DEVICE FOR DETECTING DATA CONTROL INFORMATION, AND DEVICE FOR RECORDING DATA
Art Unit: 2135
Examiner: Ayaz R. Sheikh

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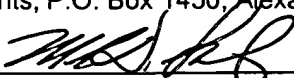
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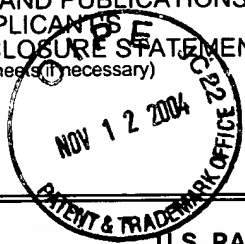
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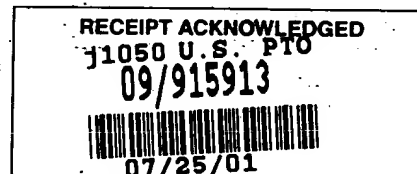
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